Some Favor Dulles Help On CIA Rein

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Senate supporters of a tighter congressional rein on the Central Intelligence Agency might try to enlist the backing of its former director, Allen W. Dulles, as their drive approaches a floor showdown Wednesday.

Dulles was chief of the spy agency in 1956 when the Senate rejected a proposal for a joint House-Senate Committee to oversee the CIA's operations. At that time, he opposed any change in the existing special legislative "watchdog" subcommittee.

But Dulles now is understood to believe that broader congressional scrutiny of the CIA would be worth any additional problems it might create if it would quiet concern over such affairs as the Bay of Pigs and build public confirence in the agency's highly secret operations.

On Wednesday, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee is to file a formal report on a resolution it has approved, 14 to 5, calling for the seating of three Committee members on a new, nine-member CIA watchdog panel.

The CIA now is the province of a special seven-member subcommittee, consisting of three members each of the Senate Armed Services and Appropriations Committees and headed by Sen. Richard B. Russell, (D-Ga.), who strongly opposes any change as he did in 1956.

In the test of strength Dulles's views could be influential.

The House also will be busy on Wednesday when it takes up a bill that would authorize appropriations of up to $17.8 billion for aircraft, missiles and ships and weapons-related research. This is $931 million more for weapons than requested by President Johnson, and about $600 million more than approved by the Senate.

The House also will take up an Administration proposal that would allow Federal judges to let narcotics addicts choose commitment for medical treatment instead of trial for the criminal offense; an Administration request to let Federal judges release accused persons regarded as trustworthy on their own recognizance or at sharply reduced bail; and a proposed five-year, $675 million extension of the present library construction and services program.